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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 24, 2006, and further in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 12, 2007, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) on Vicard (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,715).
Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant previously argued that Vicard discloses a semiconductor memory incorporating a conventional data tamper prevention circuit similar to that depicted in applicant's Figure 3, and therefore does not disclose or suggests "at least one memory region, each one of said at least one memory region being provided in the at least one memory cell array block, *for storing the security release key; [and] at least one non-volatile storage means for storing a security registration lock*"

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